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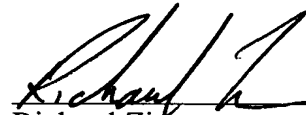
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment, together with a request for continued examination, is
filed in response to an Official Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office
on June 5, 2001. This response is timely filed with petition and fee for extension of
time. The applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application in light of
the remarks presented below.

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